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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley Formation, MIDDLEFORK FIELD, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

XTO ENERGY, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley Formation, in the Middlefork Field, Lincoln Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize one (1) alternate unit well each for CV DAVIS RB SUG and for CV DAVIS RB SUJ at the locations shown on the attached plat.
- 2. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley Formation, underlying the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
- 3. To permit the Operator of these units to produce the unit allowables from either the unit well, from any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
 - 4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Davis Sand, Reservoir B, of the Cotton Valley Formation, in the Middlefork Field, Lincoln, Union and Claiborne Parishes, Louisiana, was redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1012-A-30, effective July 27, 1999.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, LA 70002-7216.

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Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Middlefork Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

Attorney for XTO Energy, Inc.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Ms. Donna Mullen (w/encls.)

Mr. Fred Meendsen (w/encls.)

Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

